

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 21, 2025

1100-1200

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Predictive Services Update	Alex Melitsis /Steve Larrabee	Information
Resource Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Agency Business and Geographic Area Update	NMAC Representatives	Information
Administration	Sean Peterson	Information

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair: Shane McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Chuck Russell	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FWS/AK/SA: Shane McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS/EA/SW: Jeff Walther	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFA/FEMA/NR: Aitor Bidaburu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM/GB: Brian Achziger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF/RM: Greg Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS/CA: Chuck Russell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA/NW: Shane Santos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Sean Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
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Additional Attendees: Josh Simmons, Jesse Bender, Gordon Sachs, Russ Babiak, Scott Mayer, Paul Gellerstedt, Perry Breitenstein, Beale Monday, Maegan Maughan, Maj Brian West, Alex Melitsis, Kim Albracht, Ben Oakleaf, Darren Donley, Beau Dobberstein, Robert Dukart, TJ Gagnon, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Jan Johnson, Shaun Jensen, Lindsey Lewis, John Mckee, Mike Rubenstein, Ryan Sundberg, Chris St. Pierre, Casey Teske, Persephone Whelan

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 22 August 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 115 new starts, 48 uncontained large fires, 15 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 6 MEDEVAC helicopters, 302 crews, 716 engines, 100 helicopters, 15,642 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 15 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Coyote – Cal Fire, extreme behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 600 acres, 0% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 10 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Bear Gulch – CA Team 7, moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 8,500 acres, 11% contained.

South Ops: PL3, light IA, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Gifford – CA Team 8, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 131,589 acres, 95% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, moderate IA, 12 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Devil Mountain – Active behavior, timber, 375 acres.

Corral Creek – Active behavior, timber, 170 acres.

Knowles – MT DNR, active behavior, timber and grass, structures threatened, 2,200 acres, 0% contained.

Sunset – IDL, NR Team 5, moderate behavior, brush and timber, evacuations, 3,220 acres, 6% contained.

Bivens Creek – NR Team 6, managing Cloudrest, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,200 acres, 0% contained.

Cloudrest – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 1,300 acres, 0% contained.

West Fork – Active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 600 acres, 0% contained.

Island Creek – Moderate behavior, slash and timber, structures threatened, 4,500 acres, 5% completed.

Windy Rock – MT DNR, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 1,400 acres, 0% contained.

Sandbar 2 – NW Team 8 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 250 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 16 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Cottonwood Peak – EA Team 1, extreme behavior, light fuels, community and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, 111,000 acres, 4% contained.

Rock – GB Team 6, active behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,700 acres, 0% contained.

Buckley Draw – Active behavior, grass and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 446 acres, 21% contained.

Beulah – GB Team 4, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 5,200 acres, 45% completed.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 2, moderate behavior, brush and timber, communities threatened, evacuations, 73,698 acres, 86% contained.

Box – Active behavior, timber and grass, residences threatened, 4,409 acres, 45% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, uptick in activity, 3 uncontained large fires.

Mile Marker 39 – Minimal behavior, grass, 19,200 acres, 0% contained.

Backbone – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 2,400 acres, 75% contained.

East 62 – 472 acres, 100% contained.



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Rocky Mountain: PL3, light IA, 9 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Red Canyon – RM Team 2, active behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 126,000 acres, 31% contained.

Turner Gulch – NR Team 3, managing Derby, minimal behavior, community threatened, 31,699 acres, 79% contained.

Derby – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,625 acres, 0% contained.

Crosho – Moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, 2,000 acres, 25% contained.

Stoner Mesa – RM Team 1, active behavior, timber, community threatened, 9,900 acres, 27% contained.

Lee – NR Team 1, moderate behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 137,755 acres, 73% contained.

Southwest: PL3, 16 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Dragon Bravo – GB Team 7, moderate behavior, brush and timber, 145,500 acres, 62% contained.

Billy – Active behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 27,500 acres, 39% contained.

Washington – SW Team 1, managing Sheep Spring, TOC local unit this weekend, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 515 acres, 67% contained.

Sheep Spring – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, community threatened, 35 acres, 0% contained.

Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Alex Melitsis)

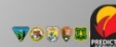
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Saturday)

- Temperatures rise to well above normal for California, the Great Basin, and central Rockies today and tomorrow, with very low RH and poor overnight recovery, while very unstable conditions occur in southern California
- The monsoon slowly moves north and west, with improving conditions in the Southwest, but a significant increase in activity due to dry lightning is expected on the periphery from southern California into the central Great Basin, and central Rockies today and tomorrow.
- Continued dry in northern New England, with a period of breezy/dry north to northeast winds Friday in the wake of Hurricane Erin
- Hurricane Erin will remain off the coast, but tropical storm force winds are expected for eastern North Carolina and possibly Cape Cod today with coastal flooding

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- Continued hot and very dry for California into the weekend, with the heat spreading across the Northwest, northern Great Basin, and northern Rockies, west of the Divide
- The heat is likely to be prolonged across the Northwest into the northern Rockies much of next week
- Isolated to locally scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms on the periphery of the monsoon moisture plume, especially across California, the Northwest, Idaho, and western Montana
- The monsoon is likely to bring improving conditions to the Southwest, central/southern Great Basin, and Colorado by late weekend and continue into next week
- Modest relief for New England early next week due to rain from a cold front but dry air returns mid to late next week



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	3
VLAT		3	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		32	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	105	0	
HELO TYPE1	80	0	
HELO TYPE2	42	0	
HELO TYPE3	49	3	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	15	12	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	68	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	122	0	
CREW TYPE 2	196	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	158	113	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	5	11	
RAPPELERS		98	
CATERERS	18	12	
SHOWERS	30	28	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	23
TANKER	2
HELO	3
AIR ATTACK	
IR	6
UAS	
SCOOPER	8
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	4
ENGINES	17
OVERHEAD	85 (HEQB, SEC, TFLD)
PENDING	115 oh, 25 engines, 1 CIMT, 8 IHCs, 5 T2IA crews, 12 helicopters



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: One emerging incident Little Grays ordered T3 IMT. MAC group tentatively meeting Sunday.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: NTR
- Southern Area: Coordinating Group call this morning.

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Windy Rock and Devil Mountain will combine team org. Sunset remains top priority, major rail line threatened. Lolo NF has many emerging incidents, shuffling team assignments.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest) – Jeff Walther

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: Concern in Maine with IA and elevated conditions.
- Southwest: Working with NICC PS on products and Met coverage.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: CO remains most active state, concern with current weather conditions.
- Rocky Mountain: Derby is priority incident. Will cover internal needs with crew movement. Discussing T3 IMT movement and assignments.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Coyote incident in challenging location.
- SOPs: 33 new starts, building up resources for IA. Evacuations in place on Gifford.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest) – Shane Santos

- BIA: Tiger incident on Umatilla yesterday.
- NW: Holding PL3 through expected weather this weekend. Monitoring winds in Willamette valley.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

Aviation

Working to support TX with SEATs.
Helicopter movement yesterday, reassigning to RM and NR.
NR short haul ship is out of service mechanical.
Smokejumpers continue to be heavily engaged in IA.
1 UAS airspace intrusion in GB yesterday.

Crews

Approximately 20 T1/T2IA crews available.

Teams

4 CIMTs available on this week's national rotation: NW, CA, AK, CA
Recommend prepositioned CA CIMT committed to Dragon Bravo.

National Surge Package

Surge #3 available for IA in CO, LWD 8/23.
Surge #4 available in WY, on day 10.
Only 3 engines can re-crew.
Surge #5 from AK mobilizing on barge 8/24.
Surge #6 will be in CA 8/22.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

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International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5.
Canada does not anticipate ordering additional international resources this year.

NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

Ash pit injury and smokejumper injury earlier this week in differing regions.

Administration

PL – 4 (4.82)

GACC Priority: NR, GB, RM, SW, SOPS, NOPS

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

DoD

6 Army helicopters in place in Redding, Fresno, and San Bernadino.
2 Navy aircraft have communication capability limitations.
Require additional resource for air to ground communications, such as air attacks.

National Surge Package

Recommend disbanding surge #4 and allowing RM to keep 3 engines as individual resources. -Support
Surge #5 will move engines from AK to port on 8/22 for arrival in Seattle on 8/27.
Surge #5 target GA decision date on 8/24. -Revisit

PSOG

Annual PS/PSOG meeting in SOPS on November 18-19.
Several PS positions nationwide remain vacant.
Wallmann will cover EA Met duties for the next 3 weeks, potentially into the fall.
SW Met vacancy remains, may see reduction in coverage.
AK will have 2 full-time Mets with the expectation that one will float to help cover national holes.
Preparing finalization of WIMS to FEMS transition.

ICAP

FireNet HelpDesk willing to absorb product and development if NMAC approves.
Revisit in exec.

Working to compile data for personnel's master roster locations compared to mob location.

Teams

Finalize filling Dragon Bravo team request with prepositioned CA. -Support
Increased interest in utilizing T3 IMTs for emerging incidents.
T3 IMT name request filled yesterday with SA Gray Team.
FDNY T3 IMT remains on preposition in WY.
GB assigned NV T3 IMT from preposition to Little Gray.
Recommend assigning FDNY T3 IMT to Lee. -Support

